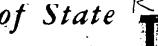
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SUBJECT: (U) DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF OF CHINESE ARMY VISITS PAKISTAN

1. (U) ZHANG CAIDIAN, DEPUTY CGS OF THE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD OCT 20 LEADING A "MILITARY GOODWILL DELEGATION WHICH WILL STAY IN PAKISTAN FOR TEN DAYS. CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ZHANG'S EIFE, BO TAO, AND ABOUT A DOZEN CHINESE MILITARY

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ASONNEL MAKE UP THE DELEGATION WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL TOUR AKISTANI MILITARY FACILITIES IN KARACHI, LAHORE, PESHAWAR, JUETTA, MULTAN, SARGHODA, AND TAXILA DURING THE VISIT.

- 2. (U) THE DELEGATION RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOP ON ARRIVAL AT THE ISLAMABAD AIRPORT. IN COMPANY WITH THE DTHER CHIEFS OF SERVICE, PRESIDENT AND CHEIF OF ARMY STAFF ZIA UL-HAO PERSONALLY GREETED THE VISITORS AND ESCORTED THEM TO THE ISLAMABAD HOLIDAY INN. ZIA HOSTED LARGE DINNER EVENING OF ZIST IN HONOR OF CHINESE. CHARGE WAS AMONG THE GUESTS.
- CC) COMMENT: THE CHINESE DCM TIEN TING TOLD CHARGE'
  OCT 20 THAT THE VISIT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF AND HIS
  ENTOURAGE IS OF 'NO CONSEQUENCE IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE.
  TIEN SIAD THE VISIT WAS LAID ON, AT PAK URGING, AS CHINESE
  GESTURE IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL PAKISTANI
  MILITARY VISITS TO THE PRE-THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS THE
  VISIT OF THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE CHIEF, AIR HARSHAL
  MOHAMMED ANWAR SHAMIN, WHO RETURNED FROM BEIJING ON 19
  OCOTBER.
- 4. (C) NOTHWITHSTANDING TIEN'S DISCLAIMER OF SUBSTANCE TO THE VISIT, IT WILL BE WIDELY SEEN BY PAKISTANIS AND REGIONAL OBSERVERS AS A SHOW-OF-SUPPORT AT A CRUCIAL TIME.

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